

Press Release

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Type of Incident: *Controlled substance search warrant*

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The Barton County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation executed several search warrants in the late evening hours of December 2, 2013 and the early morning hours of December 3, 2013. Several other agencies were involved in the operation that culminated in the arrest of five subjects and the execution of two search warrants in the City of Great Bend. Information was received by the Ellis County Sheriff's Office that resulted in a traffic stop. Upon investigation a quantity of methamphetamine was located. Further information was developed and search warrants were executed.

Search warrant was executed in the 2700 block of Morton Street and in the 300 block of Fry Street in Great Bend. Both warrants resulted in confiscation of controlled substances and arrests. The investigation is ongoing and all subjects have been charged with various violations of the controlled substance statutes. Additional charges may be pending upon completion of formal charging.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Barton County Sheriff's Office were assisted by the Ellis County Sheriff's Office, the Russell Police Department and the Great Bend Police Department. The cooperation between the agencies involved demonstrates the willingness of law enforcement in central Kansas to reach out to other agencies in an effort to curtail the drug problem in our area.